



ALEXANDRIA, VA.

TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 24.

ANOTHER GROSS violation of the Constitution by Congress will soon be perpetrated, so far, at least, as the House of Representatives is concerned, but that instrument has been subjected to such outrageous violence that it is now all out of shape, and so twisted and contorted that its framers would not recognize the work done under it. It declares that "the times, places and manner of holding elections for senators and representatives shall be prescribed in each State by the legislature thereof, but the Congress may by law make or alter such regulations"—that is, of course, regulations respecting "times," "places" and "manner." But it is plain to all readers of the debates on the subject, and to all who understand the principles upon which the government was founded, that those who made the Constitution, when they wrote the word "times," meant days, when they wrote "places," meant the precincts for voting, and when they wrote "manner," only meant that Congress might, if it should think proper, determine whether elections should be held by the ballot or the viva voce system. That they ever conceived the idea that the provision referred to meant that a sectional and partisan Congress should provide that partisan federal judges should appoint partisan federal officers to take entire charge of State elections, cannot be believed by those at all familiar with their history and that of the period in which they lived. If they had supposed they were conferring such centralizing power upon Congress, the natural inference is that they would also have supposed that they were conferring upon that body the power of determining who should vote at State elections; but such an idea is of course inconceivable.

As the cost of settling the State debt by the Olcott committee, including the commission to be paid that committee and its agents, and the expense of an extra session of the legislature, will probably amount to more than the difference in the interest provided for by the proposition of Sir Edward Thornton and that which the legislative committee then thought should be paid, and as it is hardly conceivable that the creditors, with the State and the U. S. Courts to sustain them, will at this late date accept the terms of the repudiating Riddleberger bill, the folly of the failure to accept the terms of the Thornton settlement is again rendered glaringly apparent.

CONGRESSMAN MORSE, of Massachusetts made a speech to the colored people of Washington last Sunday in which he complimented them "on their patience and forbearance under the wrongs they had borne." And yet they have been civilized and christianized, and have increased and prospered in this country, while their race in its native clime is still barbarous and is by no means as numerous as it was. Mr. Morse should know that people do not increase and multiply, and thrive and prosper, and grow sleek and happy, under wrongs, to bear which patience and forbearance are required.

THOSE REPUBLICAN editors from Indiana who are now visiting Washington, evidently have a much higher opinion of "blocks of five" Dudley than President Harrison has, though he, too, is from Indiana; for while the President refuses to invite Mr. Dudley to the White House, they gave him a grand ovation last night. The President is bad enough in all conscience, but he is infinitely better than the editors referred to, for while he is ashamed of the disgraceful assistance Dudley rendered him in 1858, they glory in that shame.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Special Correspondence of the Alex. Advertiser.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 24, 1890.

Mr. Conger, chairman of the House committee on coinage, said yesterday morning he would not call a meeting of that committee before Thursday or Friday. But Mr. Conger spoke Mr. Speaker Reed directed him to call the meeting to-day, and the Speaker's order was obeyed. At the meeting the committee took up the Senate amendments to the silver bill. The committee decided, by a vote of six to five to recommend non-concurrence in the Senate amendments and to ask the House to order a conference.

Reports which are deemed reliable have reached San Antonio, Tex., of seditions and revolutionary movements going on in the States of Mexico bordering on the Rio Grande. The condition of governmental affairs from the Rio Grande to Saltillo is described as threatening. It is said that at every station along the Mexican National Railroad crowds of men congregate and excitedly discuss the advisability of joining in the rebellion against their federal government.

The new constitution of Brazil was promulgated yesterday. It recognizes a federal system based upon that of the United States. The President alone is responsible to the nation. The ministers are replaced by Secretaries of State, who are answerable to the President alone. Parliament will consist of a House of Representatives and Senate. The powers of these two bodies will be of a purely legislative character, and an adverse vote by either chamber will not entail a change of ministry.

ferred to give the club sole and entire police control over their inclosure, and provide that within that inclosure State and county officers, unless invited to enter, do so as trespassers. Well, the parties holding the charter either have, or else propose to do so, bought the property now held by the Gentlemen's Driving Park Club, near the Alexandria's Post Office. On it they will erect an immense and magnificent pavilion with all the necessary appendages, and there next fall the proposed prize fight between Sullivan and the negro Jackson will take place. Previous to that fight, and as a means to test the legality of the charter, a bull fight will take place there. But no serious interference on the part of the Virginia authorities is anticipated, as Sullivan, when he recently, obtained a copy of the charter and submitted it to his lawyer in New York, familiar with Virginia affairs, by whom he was assured that under its provisions he could fight in Virginia without molestation.

Judge Tappan and Mr. Bernard F. Martin, of Tammany, were at the Capitol to-day to invite speakers for the grand annual Tammany dinner on the 5th of July. Congressmen Byrum will deliver the set speech, and short addresses will be made by Congressmen McMillin, Crisp, Sprinzer, McAdoo, Breckinridge of Kentucky, Holman, Wilkerson and Caruth. Mr. Martin says the republican attempt to hurt Tammany by the trumped up charges against Mayor Grant, of New York, has already come to grief.

The House committee on rules at their meeting to-day did not positively determine to call up the national election bill in the House to-morrow, but it was understood at the meeting that should everything be out of the way by that time the bill would be laid before the House and its consideration commenced. Mr. Lodge, who fathers it, says he does not think it will be right to limit debate on it to less than five days.

Senator Barbour has been kept away from the Senate for the last two or three days by indisposition. He was there to-day, however, and was trying to have the bill referring to Virginia and certain other States the advances they made the government in 1812, which has a ready passed the Senate, attached to the Indian appropriation bill as an amendment thereof. Mr. Barbour says he is feeling too bad to attend the meeting of the State democratic committee of Virginia at Richmond on the 30th inst. When told that in some quarters it was urged that he again take charge of the State committee, he said it would be utterly impossible for him to do so, and that some younger and more active man should be elected chairman of the committee in the place of Mr. Gordon who would not withdraw his resignation.

The southern republican members of the House will hold their caucus to-night for the purpose of trying to induce their northern allies to allow amendments to be made to the tariff and federal election bills.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The final exercises of the Virginia Military Institute have begun.

Gov. McKinney has gone to Cobb's Island where he will spend ten days.

W. C. Gordon, a prominent citizen of Stafford county, died on Sunday, aged 53 years. J. W. Delaplane and his two sons, of Delaware, were drowned at Hampton yesterday, having been knocked overboard from their sailboat by a collision. Miss Delaplane remained in the boat and was saved.

It is said that the appointment of Hon. John Goode to the solicitor generalship by President Cleveland, while he was not confirmed by the Senate, was the best thing he ever got, as it brought him into wide prominence. The salary of the office was only \$7,000 but now Mr. Goode's income, made entirely by his law practice, is said to range from \$10,000 to \$15,000, and is on the increase.

A sensational shooting affair occurred in the West End, Petersburg, yesterday afternoon. Richard Owen, a harness maker, fired a pistol at Annie Shaw, a young lady with whom he had been keeping company, but failed to hit her. He then turned the weapon upon himself and sent a bullet into his breast, narrowly missing the heart. At the time he called upon the young lady he was under the influence of liquor, and she refused to walk with him or see him again. His condition is critical. He was placed under arrest, but released on bail.

Sunday night as Mr. H. A. Lukehart was walking along Fourth street between Marshall and Clay, a negro woman rushed out of an alley, seized him around the waist, pulled him in the alley and robbed him of a diamond ring and five dollars and then ran off. Mr. Lukehart ran after her into a house. He followed her to the door, when a negro man who was in the yard ordered Lukehart to get out or he would break his head, or words to that effect. Mr. Lukehart notified the police, and an officer went to the house and arrested E. H. White, who was identified as the woman. She was sent to the grand jury to-day for her singular offense. She is a woman of great strength.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The report of the Franco-Russian alliance has been confirmed.

France and England have reached an agreement with reference to Zanzibar.

It is said that Lord Salisbury and Count von Hatzfeldt, the German ambassador at London, will sign the basis of the African agreement on Tuesday.

Prince Bismarck held a deputation of Berlin citizens that he would express freely his opinions regarding public events in Germany, and he would not give way even if he stood alone.

The Duke of Clarence, eldest son of the Prince of Wales, took the oath of office and his seat as a Peer in the British House of Lords yesterday with the usual pomp and ceremony.

President Menendez of Salvador, died suddenly on Sunday night soon after the conclusion of a banquet given on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the entrance of General Menendez into San Salvador and the defeat of the Zaldívar faction. During the panic caused by the president's death, General Marela and several other officers were killed at the barracks. General Carlos Ezza, the leader of the forces, is now in command. All is quiet at present.

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Commencement Exercises.

At the commencement exercises of Arlington Institute, Miss Rebecca C. Powell, principal, held at the Opera House, Friday evening last, school honors were awarded to the following young ladies:

1st. To Miss Lucy Lyons Lee, diploma in English course and mathematics, French and Latin, together with the graduation medal of the institute.

2nd. To Miss Mollie Peake, diploma in English course, mathematics and French, with the graduation medal.

3rd. To Misses Lucia and Camille Hendrickson, diplomas in English course and mathematics, with gold star medal. Misses Nina Johns, Lucy Leadbeater, Bessie Lee, Melissa Hill and Louise Burke were honorably mentioned as standing at the head of their respective classes, having distinguished themselves in their daily recitations during the session and in the final examinations.

In the Department of Music the gold medal for "proficiency" was awarded by Mrs. M. C. Wailes, to Lucia Hendrickson, and the silver medal, for "greatest progress and improvement during the session," to Miss Lucy Brookes. Miss Lucy L. Lee was honorably mentioned as standing next to Miss Lucia Hendrickson in proficiency, and Miss Lucy Leadbeater as next to Miss Lucy Brookes in progress and improvement.

To Miss Nina Johns was awarded a gold medal as the best reader in the school.

To those young ladies making an average of not less than 75 in their examinations, distinctions were awarded in the following studies:

Moral Philosophy: Lucy Lee, Mollie Peake, Lucia Hendrickson, Camille Hendrickson.

English Literature: Lucy Lee, Mollie Peake, Minnie Ford, Martha Zerega, Nellie La Motte, Lucia Hendrickson, Nina Johns, Camille Hendrickson, Daisy Titus, Maude Lewis, Sallie Magrath, Hattie Eichberg.

Kame's Criticism: Lucy Lee, Mollie Peake, Lucia Hendrickson, Camille Hendrickson.

Physiology: Lucia Hendrickson, Camille Hendrickson, Nellie La Motte, Lucy Lee, Mollie Peake.

Chemistry: Minnie Ford, Nina Johns, Daisy Titus, Martha Zerega.

Mental Philosophy: Daisy Titus, Martha Zerega, Nina Johns, Minnie Ford, Hattie Eichberg.

Mediaeval and Modern History: Camille Hendrickson, Lucia Hendrickson, Mollie Peake.

Mythology: Nellie La Motte, Bessie Lee, Lucy Leadbeater, Sallie Daingerfield, Lucy Brookes, Minnie Ford, Courtenay Norton, Mabel Hamilton, Hattie Avery, Daisy Titus, Hattie Eichberg, Louise Lambert, Mai Uhler.

Astronomy: Lucia Hendrickson, Lucy Lee, Mollie Peake, Camille Hendrickson.

Ancient History: Nina Johns, Camille Hendrickson, Minnie Ford, Nellie La Motte, Daisy Titus, Lucia Hendrickson, Mollie Peake.

Trench on Words: Lucy Lee, Lucia Hendrickson and Camille Hendrickson.

Nat. Philosophy: Bessie Lee, Nellie La Motte, Sallie Daingerfield.

Physical Geography: Lucy Leadbeater, Courtenay Norton, Mabel Hamilton, Louise Lambert and Mai Uhler.

English History: Lucy Leadbeater, Courtenay Norton, Maude Lewis, Sallie Magrath, Mabel Hamilton, Sallie Daingerfield and Lucy Brookes.

English Grammar, 1st Class: Bessie Lee, Lucy Leadbeater, Lucy Brookes, Hattie Avery, Mabel Hamilton, Sallie Daingerfield, Courtenay Norton, Mai Uhler.

English Grammar, 2nd Class: Melissa Hill, Alice Acton, Louise Burke, Nannie Watkins.

Orthography: Lucy Leadbeater, Lucy Brookes, Bessie Lee, Mabel Hamilton, Sallie Daingerfield, Hattie Avery, Melissa Hill, Mary Daingerfield, Alice Acton, Louise Burke, Sue Rust and Emily Elliott.

Eymology: Melissa Hill and Alice Acton.

History of Virginia: Bessie Lee, Melissa Hill and Nannie Watkins.

Geography: Bessie Lee, Melissa Hill, Alice Acton, Mollie French, Nannie Watkins, Katie Usher, Louise Burke, Sue Rust, Emily Elliott, Mary Daingerfield, Bessie Elliott and Fannie Zerega.

Language Lessons: Fannie Zerega, Emily Elliott and Sue Rust.

Sacred History: Louise Burke, Sue Rust, Alice Acton, Katie Usher, Emily Elliott and Mamie French.

Geometry: Lucy Lee, Mollie Peake, Lucia Hendrickson and Camille Hendrickson.

Algebra: Lucia Hendrickson, Nina Johns, Minnie Ford, Nellie La Motte, Daisy Titus, Martha Zerega and Hattie Eichberg.

Arithmetic: Maude Lewis, Sallie Magrath, Hattie Eichberg, Minnie Ford, Nina Johns, Daisy Titus, Lucia Hendrickson, Camille Hendrickson, Lucy Leadbeater, Bessie Lee, Lucy Brookes, Mabel Hamilton, Mai Uhler, Sallie Daingerfield, Louise Lambert, Hattie Avery, Alice Acton, Mamie Watkins, Katie Usher, Melissa Hill, Louise Burke, Sue Rust, Emily Elliott, Mary Daingerfield and Fannie Zerega.

French: Lucy Lee, Mollie Peake, Minnie Ford, Nina Johns, Lucy Brookes, Lucy Leadbeater, Bessie Lee and Sallie Daingerfield.

Latin: Lucy Lee, Bessie Lee, Sallie Daingerfield and Melissa Hill.

Certificates were also awarded to Florrie Eichberg for diligence and improvement in definitions, geography and arithmetic; to Hattie Creighton and Daisy Marshall for diligence and improvement in reading, spelling and arithmetic; to Mary Powell for diligence and improvement in reading, spelling and definitions, geography and arithmetic, and to Eliza Usher for diligence and improvement in reading and spelling.

The closing exercises of the public schools began this morning, when Washington division—white boys—was dismissed for the session. The boys all assembled in their respective rooms in Washington building and were visited by Superintendent Carne, who made an appropriate address to each school, after which, assisted by the Clerk of the School Board, he distributed the certificates of distinction. To Fred P. Vogelgesang, the medalist of last session, who passed with honor in English, mathematics and chemistry the recent University local examination, was presented the University certificate. The Superintendent's medal was awarded this year to Eugene S. Burgess, and the following young gentlemen received certificates: S. Edwin Beach, Eugene S. Burgess, Thos. B. Cochran, Percy H. Lash, A. Sidney Mankin, Edwin W. Martell, J. Herbert Radd, Wm. H. Whitcomb, Fred P. Vogelgesang and Thos. H. Fegan.

Within the last three years three graduates of this school—H. C. Graves, E. K. O'Brien and J. T. Watkins—entered the University of Virginia, and have had conferred upon them the degree of civil engineer, which usually requires a three years' course of study, but the task was accomplished by each in two sessions.

The prosperous condition of this school reflects credit upon its principal, Theodore H. Ficklin, who has had charge of it, and taught the eighth grade since January, 1871, and his assistants, Wm. H. Giesse and Misses F. A. Wilson, M. A. Nevett, Anna Summers, Lizzie Abbrandt, Cora Webster, S. A. Schofield, Virginia Roxbury, L.

T. Wattier, A. V. Sisson, Grace DeArnell and Estella Knoxville.

The closing exercises of Lee division—white girls—will take place at Peabody building to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The 22nd annual commencement of St. Mary's Academy, in charge of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, took place at the Lyceum Hall this morning. The hall was crowded with the friends and relatives of the pupils, and the exercises were most interesting. The young ladies were all prettily dressed and the scene was a most attractive one. The exercises, which were very entertaining, consisted of vocal and instrumental music, an original drama entitled "Isabella of Spain," distribution of prizes, conferring of gold medals and certificates of scholarship, and an appropriate address by Rev. Father O'Kane. The young ladies taking part in the exercises acquitted themselves admirably, reflecting credit on themselves and on the painstaking of their teachers. The gold medals of the Academy and certificates of scholarship were conferred upon the following named young ladies, who have completed the academic course: Misses L. Bayne and M. Graham. The drawings, paintings in oil and water colors, pastel, plain sewing and ornamental needle work done by the pupils is now on exhibition at the Academy and is really beautiful work.

The closing exercises of St. John's Academy will be held on Thursday evening next. The Society of O. D. Students of St. John's Academy holds its annual meeting in the lecture room at that institution to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Baker, Whiteley & Co. will erect at Canton, Baltimore, the largest coal pier in the country.

Chairman Conger, of the House Committee on Coinage, thinks free coinage is practically dead.

The carpet mill of Samuel White, in Philadelphia, was burned yesterday, and the loss is \$50,000.

The census returns show that the population of Baltimore is 432,005, a gain of nearly 100,000 in the last ten years.

The fire in the King's county penitentiary at Brooklyn yesterday, did about \$30,000 damage, but none of the convicts were injured.

Minister Carter, of Hawaii, objects to the free sugar clauses of the tariff bill that their adoption would be a violation of treaty privileges accorded the Sandwich Islands.

Hon. George W. McCrary, ex-Secretary of War and author of the electoral commission bill, which resulted in the seating of President Hayes, died yesterday at St. Joseph, Mo., aged 55 years.

A remarkable faith cure, it is said, was performed in St. John's Roman Catholic Church, at Oswego, N. Y., Sunday night by which a young lady, who for eight years had been unable to walk, was cured.

Mitchell county is the only county in North Carolina that has refused to levy a tax for the payment of pensions to ex-Confederate soldiers and soldiers' widows. Mitchell is the worst county in the State, and during the war furnished many troops to the Federal army, as well as many guerrillas and marauders.

Wm. C. Havemeyer is to be elected a trustee of the Sugar Trust next week. He has 18,000 shares registered in his name on the books of the company. It is reported that the Trust is now earning at the rate of \$65,000 per day, and that for a short period this month it earned \$125,000 a day.

At Purvis, Miss., yesterday evening the grand jury returned an indictment charging John Lawrence Sullivan with prize fighting. The indictment was placed on the docket and will be called up to-day and a day set for trial. A petition is in circulation to Judge Terrell, which is being numerous signed by leading citizens, praying that the court be lenient and impose a fine without imprisonment. The petition will be presented in open court.

In the United States Senate yesterday the conference report on the dependent pension bill was agreed to by a vote of 34 to 18, and the bill now goes to the President. The House was engaged on District of Columbia business, and spent four hours in debate on the Atkinson bill amendatory of the act authorizing the construction of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad in the District of Columbia. Without reaching a vote on the bill the House adjourned. In the evening the conference on the naval appropriation bill held a meeting and agreed upon a report.

THE DEBT SETTLEMENT.—Holders of Virginia securities are handing them in to the Mercantile Trust Company in advance of July 1, under the proposed plan of debt adjustment. It is understood that \$1,000,000 of the securities owned by foreign holders are already in the keeping of the trust company, to be deposited in accordance with the agreed plan. Cable advices say that a large proportion of the outstanding Virginia State obligations are to be deposited under the terms announced by the committee of bondholders.

PENSIONS.—The expenditures for pensions for the year ending on the 30th of this month will be, as now officially stated, \$109,357,534. Last year was paid \$87,624,779.11. The year before that was paid \$80,288,508.77. The cost of the German army, it may be interesting to note, is for this year estimated at \$91,726,263. Besides our pensions our army costs \$30,000,000.

WANTED TO HEAR HIS FUNERAL PREACHED.—John Phillips, the negro who has been convicted of killing Captain B. C. Overby, in Mecklenburg county, and sentenced to be hanged in August next, has been confined in the jail at Petersburg ever since his conviction. The *Apprentice* says: "At the request of Phillips, City Sergeant Freeman W. Jones has written a letter to Phillips' wife asking her to get a minister to preach his funeral sermon before he is executed so he may hear it."

In the U. S. Senate yesterday Mr. Ingalls in advocating the conference report on the dependent pension bill said he was in favor of the removal of the limitation in the act of granting arrears of pensions. He did not care whether it cost one hundred millions or a thousand millions it was a part of the contract. He believed that every surviving Union soldier ought to be put on the pension roll for service, irrespective of disability, and he regretted that the conference report did not contain such a provision.

Arrangements are already being made for the rendezvous of the naval fleets of the world in Norfolk harbor in 1893.

Democratic Congressional Convention.

At a meeting of the Democratic Committee for the Eighth Congressional District of Virginia held in the city of Alexandria on the 20th day of June, 1890, the following resolutions were adopted:

1st. That a convention be held in Leesburg, Va., August 20th, 1890, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Congress from this district.

2d. That the basis of representation shall be one delegate for every one hundred and fraction over fifty votes cast for Governor McKinney.

3d. That the committee suggest that primaries for the selection of delegates to the convention be held in all the counties of the district on the same day, August 9th being recommended.

LEONARD MARRURY, Chairman.

GEO. S. SHACKELFORD, Secretary.

[Democratic papers of the district please copy.]



ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES.

Proceedings of Congress.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 24.

SENATE.

The House bill to amend articles of war relative to punishment on convictions by courts martial was favorably reported.

Mr. Blair stated that the bill introduced by him yesterday for the establishment of a woman's university had been prepared by him at the request of the woman's national league; and that Mrs. Charlotte Smith had been particularly active in securing the names of incorporators.

Mr. Blair offered a resolution (which was agreed to) calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for information as to claims and accounts adjusted and due to soldiers and sailors and other creditors of the United States, of which there is reason to believe that the creditors are ignorant, and whether or not knowledge thereof is withheld from such creditors by the practice of his department, and, if so, why.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the post office appropriation bill.

HOUSE.

After the journal had been read, Mr. Springer, of Illinois, called attention to the fact that it showed that the legislative appropriation bill as amended by the Senate had been referred to the appropriation committee without reference to the House. He said that if anything had been decided in the case of the silver bill, it was that the reference should be made in open House, and that the bill should have gone to the committee of the whole.

The Speaker said the usual custom had been followed; that the record duly informed the House of the references, and therefore declared the journal approved.

Mr. Butterworth, of Ohio, presented the report of the appropriations committee upon the Senate amendments to the legislative bill. He said that in the case of inconsequential amendments the committee recommended concurrence, but where salaries were increased or new offices created, the committee recommended non-concurrence.

The report of the committee was agreed to and a conference ordered.

Mr. McKinley, of Ohio, from the Committee on Rules, reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That immediately after the passage of this resolution the House proceed to consider House bill 5381 (the silver bill) with Senate amendments, and at 2 o'clock Wednesday, June 25th (to-morrow), the previous question be considered as ordered.

He demanded the previous question on the adoption of the resolution, which was ordered, and 20 minutes debate was allowed on either side.

Mr. McMillin, of Tennessee, proceeded to criticize the action of the Committee on Rules. He recited the action of the committee when the silver bill was first considered in cutting off the right of amendment and debate, and said that this was another proposition of the same kind—an ironclad rule to bind the House and prevent it from expressing its views. The House should have a set of rules under which business could be done and not operate, as now, under one rule to-day, another to-morrow and another the next day.

Mr. Bland, of Missouri, wanted to concur in the Senate amendments. He was ready to vote to-day or to-morrow if he had an opportunity to vote upon that proposition.

Mr. Blount, of Georgia, also deprecated the practice of controlling legislation exercised by the Committee on Rules. He said that before the Speaker was Speaker, he had always been in favor of full and fair debate, but now he found it easier to do business without it. He feared that under this rule the Coinage Committee would come in with a cut and dried programme which would prevent the House from voting upon free coinage.

Mr. McKinley said that the purpose of the resolution was to secure definite and speedy action.

Mr. Springer, of Ill., said that the republicans had had their ears to the ground and had just had an awakening, and at last some what tardily, it was true, the republican leaders had been obliged to come over to the democratic position.

On motion of Mr. McKinley, the special rules was adopted without division.

Mr. Conger, chairman of the coinage committee, presented the report of that committee. It simply recommended that the House non-concur in the silver bill and request a conference on the same.

Mr. Bland, of Missouri, moved that the House concur in the Senate amendments.

With these motions pending, the debate began, Mr. Conger taking the initiative.

Strikes.

CHICAGO, June 24.—The strike of freight conductors, switchmen and brakemen on the Illinois Central road threatens to blockade its entire business. The suburban trainmen struck this morning and there are now 1,300 men idle and the business of the road is paralyzed. The bone of contention in the strike is dissatisfaction with E. G. Russell, superintendent. A conference between the men and the officials of the road has been called for this afternoon.

Striking stone quarrymen who were yesterday engaged in persuading others to strike at Joliet Ill., were arrested.

BOSTON, June 24.—The bricklayers' union voted last night to refuse all material handled by non-union laborers. This action, it is thought, will precipitate a general stopping of building operations, or a general cessation by the bosses to the building laborers' union.

Hanged.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., June 24.—Four murderers were executed here this morning. The crime for which Frank Brenish, the only white man of the quartette, was convicted, was the killing of his wife, Mary

Brenish, on the night of July 5th last. The second murderer, Hardy Ballard, a negro, boarded a Main street car, and upon being requested by Conductor Pinkston to deposit his fare, replied, "Here's your nickel," and stabbed Pinkston in the left breast. Death resulted in a few moments. The victim of the third murderer was Lethe Harris, an octagon of more than ordinary beauty, and her murderer, Parker Harris, a mulatto, was her husband. The fourth man was Ed. Carr, a negro, who on November 9th killed his wife, Sallie Carr. He gave as a reason that his wife was unfaithful to him.

Foreign News.

BERLIN, June 24.—Emperor William has accepted the resignation of Dr. Von Scholz, the Prussian Minister of Finance, and has conferred upon him the grand cross of the royal order of the house of Hohenzollern. Dr. Miquel, who has been appointed to succeed Dr. Von Scholz, will assume the duties of the office on July 1.

It was announced in the House by the government that the negotiations between England and Germany regarding territory in East Africa were not yet entirely finished.

Narrow Escape of Sara Bernhardt.

LONDON, June 24.—Madame Sara Bernhardt had a narrow escape from death early this morning. Finding it impossible to sleep, she determined to take chloral, but, by accident, took 120 grains. She appeared to be dying and several physicians were immediately summoned and remedies were at once applied, but it was four hours before any marked improvement was perceptible in her condition and she was pronounced out of danger.

Kemmler to Die.

SARATOGA, June 24.—The appeal in the Kemmler case came up in the court of appeals